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1. THE ONLY SUCH ACTIVITY CONDUCTED AT CONGEN CAPE TOWN IS THE AMERICAN EMPLOYEES RECREATION ASSOCIATION (AMSTREC). A SMALL RETAIL FACILITY THAT SELLS CIGARETTES, U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS AND CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE CONGEN STAFF AND TO AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF WHILE THEY ARE IN CAPE TOWN, AS WELL AS TO AUTHORIZED U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISITING CAPE TOWN.

2. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS WHICH ARE BOUGHT IN THE U.S., ALL ITEMS HANDLED BY AMSTREC ARE PURCHASED WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA WITH SOUTH AFRICAN Rands (CURRENT OFFICIAL RATE, RAND 1-\$1.1521). BILLS FOR PURCHASES FROM AMSTREC ARE PAYABLE TO AMSTREC IN Rands.

3. THERE IS NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN AMSTREC. AMSTREC SERVICES ARE PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGEN STAFF ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE MANAGER, AN AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE STAFF WHO ALSO VOLUNTEERS HIS TIME. MEETINGS OF SELECTED MEMBERS OF AMSTREC ARE HELD FROM TIME TO TIME TO DETERMINE POLICY MATTERS AND TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS BROUGHT TO THEM BY THE MANAGER.

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4. AMSTREC ACCOUNTS ARE AUDITED ONCE A YEAR BY A REPUTABLE INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM. THE AUDIT IS FINANCED OUT OF AMSTREC OPERATING FUNDS GENERATED BY A SMALL MARK-UP ON PURCHASE COSTS TO PROVIDE FOR OVERHEAD EXPENSES. THE LAST AUDIT INDICATES AMSTREC PURCHASES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1,1974 TO APRIL 30,1975 AMOUNTED TO RAND 6,925.53 AND SALES RAND 7,395.87. (ON APRIL 30,1975, THE RATE OF EXCHANGE WAS RAND 1-\$1.4722). DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1975 AMSTREC PURCHASES AMOUNTED TO R7,491.79 FOR TOABCCO AND ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS AND TO RAND 318.55 FOR U.S.POSTAGE STAMPS.

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